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Yes. We spent a lot of time on the dermal issues. Generally we are advising that bathing and showering is ok but children or people with skin ailments should not have prolonged baths and showers. We have had a variety of other questions ranging from soil to what water to put in humidifiers. We are working on a question and answer fact sheet which we will send to ow next week for review.

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On Dec 24, 2015, at 9:48 AM, Meiburg, Stan <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Judith. On our messaging in Hoosick Falls, I was curious whether we are clear in stating for the public any concerns or lack of concerns for other uses of the water (e.g, bathing, showers, watering plants, etc.?)

Have a happy holiday!!

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PFOA in Public Drinking Water Supply in Hoosick Falls, NY: To recap, we recently learned that 5,000 residents of Hoosick Falls have been drinking water with elevated levels of PFOA. EPA provisional health advisory is 400 ppt. Sampling in the public water supply found levels as high as 662 ppt and groundwater monitoring wells at St. Gobain Performance Plastics found groundwater contamination as high as 18,000 ppt. The public wells are a few hundred yards from the St. Gobaine factory. Last week we sent an information request letter to St. Gobain, met with the NYS DEC to coordinate our response, and convinced the state health department and the mayor of the village to advise people not to drink the public water supply. Saint Gobaine has given every resident 5 gallons of free water per day and has agreed to install some carbon filtration on the drinking water plant, but that could take a year. We are coordinating with nys on various options, including possible listing on the NPL and or reliance on the Safe Drinking Water Act. There has been extensive local media coverage and we are fielding questions from the public. EPA is being viewed very positively for the role we are playing and I am proud of the Region 2 team that have been working hard. Many staff on vacation for the holidays but insist that they want to keep working on this problem, together. Many moving parts. Keeping Office of Water informed.

And now....I must go do some shopping. Happy holidays to each of you. I will be out of the office until New Years, but regularly checking email. Catherine McCabe and or Lisa Plevin will be in the office every day. Cheers, Judith